deration whether it is necessary to invest the Legislative Council with such powers. The consideration of the subject may be deferred for some time.

Mr. A. Ramanna.—Whatever is worth having must be had in its entirety and as the power of interpellating is incomplete without the privilege of moving resolutions this power may also be given to the Legislative Council.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered in due course.

SUBJECT No. 3.

Extension of the term of office of the Legislative Council members.

Mr. H. Krishnasastri, Krishnarajpete Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Under the present system the Representative Assembly members are elected once in three years and the Legislative Council members once in two years. It may sometimes happen that the elected Legislative Council member will continue as such even though he ceases to be a member of the Representative Assembly. To avoid this, the term of office of a Legislative Council member may also be made three years. Here, the term of office of all other bodies is three years. Even in British India the term of office of a member of the Legislative Council is now three years.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered. The prayer seems reasonable.

SUBJECT No. 4.

Repeal of the Press Law.

Messrs. P. Venkappayya, Abdul Azeez Saheb and Lakshmayya, Shimoga Municipality and Shama Rao, Shimoga Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Press Law is not rigidly enforced even in British India. Liberty of the Press is very necessary for the advancement of the country. In Mysore, which is a model State, the people are intensely loyal to their Ruler and to the British Sovereign. The retention of the Press Law of 1908 is unnecessary and it may be repealed.

Mr. Venkappayya.—Our law is more severe than the British Indian Act.

Mr. Venkappayya.—The people are afraid of expressing their opinions freely in the Press. The Press law deters them from ventilating their grievances.

Mr. Karnik Krishnamurthi Rao.—Without the Press the Government will not know the opinion of the public in any matter but the fear that the provisions of the Press Law might be applied acts as a deterrent to the free expression of public opinion. The repeal of the Press Law will encourage the public to represent their views to Government.

Reply of Government.—Time is not yet ripe for reopening this question No honest editor need entertain any fear.